

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TOWN OF WELSH  
WELSH, LOUISIANA  
AUGUST 3, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Welsh Council Room on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Karl Arceneaux called the meeting to order and Mrs. Jackie Balmer delivered the invocation. Ms. Andrea King led the pledge.

Roll call follows:

Present: Mayor Karl Arceneaux; Aldermen: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Eva Kibodeaux, Town Clerk, Richard Arceneaux, Town Attorney, Marcus Crochet, Police Chief, John Hall, Fire Chief and Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent.

152. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adopt the agenda of the day which consists of #163. David Matte eagle scout demonstration, #164. Dana Decuir at 716 E. Russell Ave. would like to put a tiny house in a business District, #165. Dwayne Wilson at 108 Cooper St. needs an exception for the back footage of 1 foot, and #166. Resolution 10-2021 for \$400,000.00 water meters and \$450,000.00 for street improvements.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

153. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Mier to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

162. Amber Hymel spoke about HB199 explaining the good and bad of the bill.

163. David Matte presented his presentation of the eagle scout project he made for the drug dog training.

154. Mayor Arceneaux opened the public hearing on Proposition No. 316 Ordinance No. 818 to increase garbage rates. Mr. Marshall Jackson asked if it were possible for the Town to raise the garbage rates at \$1.00 per year instead of going up at one time for the \$4.50 a month. Mayor Arceneaux stated that is necessary for us to go up on the rates so we can put up money when the Town needs to buy another garbage truck so that the Town will have the money available instead of making a loan for the funds.

It was moved by Ms. Andrea King, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

155. This item was tabled until September 7, 2021.

156. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give Pat Vanicor another extension of 30 days. He will be put on the agenda for September 7, 2021 to report progress. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

157. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give Reva Logray another extension of 30 days. She will be put on the agenda for September 7, 2021 to report progress. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

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158. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Balmer to give Terry Prudhomme another extension of 30 days. He will be put on the agenda for September 7, 2021 to report progress. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Pat Vanicor showed up in the meeting and he was told that he was given an extension of 30 days and to report progress at the next council meeting.

159. It was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to lift the open container on August 20 & 21, 2021 for the Benefit Anna Kate Johnson Tournament. It will be on August 20, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. until midnight, and on August 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until midnight. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

160. It was moved Mr. Lawrence Mier, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to surplus the 2006 Johnson MX450 street sweeper VIN # 1J9VM3H606C172013. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

161. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

164. There was no action taken on this item.

165. It was moved by Mrs. Jackie Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Hayes to allow the exception for Dwayne Wilson at 108 Cooper St. to be one foot closer to the back property line. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

166. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ronnie Hayes and seconded by Mr. Clint Hardy.

RESOLUTION 10-2021

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the documentation for grant paperwork for the \$400,000.00 for water meters and \$450,000.00 for street improvements.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Andrea King, Ronnie Hayes, Lawrence Mier, Clint Hardy, Jackie Balmer.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

John Hall, Fire Chief reported that on Monday, August 16, 2021 there will be a demonstration of battery operated fire tools. We are invited to attend. He also reported that the building owned by Terry Prudhomme the old Cash & Carry needs to come down. He is giving the property owner permission to burn the structure. Jason Montgomery will be tearing down the structure. He reported that they will let the neighbors know when they will be doing the burning of the structure.

Wes LeBlanc, Superintendent reported that we are doing repairs to sidewalks and streets in Town. He also has a new animal control officer which is William Reed and he is doing a good job. He also reported that the Town has a problem with beavers. He stated the animal control officer is trying to trap them as we speak.

167. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Ronnie Hayes, seconded by Ms. Andrea King to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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EVA C. KIBODEAUX, TOWN CLERK

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KARL ARCENEAUX, MAYOR

